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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Initial Classification of Public Lands and Minerals for State Indemnity Selection,  
Colorado**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Colorado State Board of Land Commissioners (State) has filed a petition for classification and application to obtain public lands and mineral estate in lieu of lands to which the State was entitled but did not receive under its Statehood Act. The State did not receive title because the lands had been included in an Indian Reservation, Forest Reserve, National Forest, or other encumbrance at the time of statehood. Under the Taylor Grazing Act of 1934, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) may classify sufficient public lands and/or minerals in Colorado for title transfer to the State to satisfy this obligation.

**DATES:** Interested parties may submit written comments regarding the classification of lands and minerals on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

Persons asserting a claim to or interest in the lands or mineral estate described in this notice will find the requirements for filing such claims in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments concerning this Notice should be addressed to: State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, CO 80215-7093.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John D. Beck, Chief, Branch of Lands and Realty; telephone 303-239-3882; email [jbeck@blm.gov](mailto:jbeck@blm.gov).

Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Sections 2275 and 2276 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (43 U.S.C. 851 and 852), provide authority for Colorado to receive title to public lands in lieu of lands to which it was entitled under Section 7 of its statehood act of March 3, 1875, where it did not receive title because those lands had otherwise been encumbered.

Section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act of June 8, 1934, clarified by the Supreme Court in *Andrus v. Utah*, 446 U.S. 500 (1980), requires that such public lands and/or minerals identified for proposed transfers out of Federal ownership under this authority must first be classified. The BLM is classifying these lands and minerals pursuant to 43 CFR 2400 and Section 7 of the Act of June 8, 1934 (48 Stat. 1272, as amended), 43 U.S.C. 315(f).

The final acres conveyed will be determined after further environmental analysis is completed, will be based on a dollar value, and may be less than the aggregate acreage described in this notice.

All persons who wish to submit comments on a motion of any protestant with this initial classification may present their views by any means shown under the **ADDRESSES** section above.

The BLM Colorado State Director will evaluate any adverse comment and issue a notice of determination to proceed with, modify, or cancel the proposed action. In the absence of any action by the BLM State Director, this initial classification action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

The BLM will review any comments and may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification of the land described in this notice will become effective on [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

As provided by 43 CFR 2462.1, the BLM Colorado State Director will schedule a public hearing. The BLM will announce the public hearing date 15 days prior to the hearing.

The lands and minerals included within this initial classification are in Chaffee, Custer, Dolores, Eagle, El Paso, Garfield, Grand, Huerfano, Jackson, Kiowa, La Plata, Moffat,

Montezuma, Ouray, Park, Pueblo, Routt, San Miguel and Weld counties, Colorado, and are described as follows:

New Mexico Principle Meridian, Colorado

T. 44 N., R. 8 W.,

sec. 11, lots 12 thru 14, excluding M.S. No. 9195;

sec. 13, lots 17, 28, 30, and 31;

sec. 14, E1/2SE1/4.

T. 42 N., R. 13 W.,

sec. 30, NE1/4NE1/4.

T. 40 N., R. 14 W.,

sec. 6, lot 13 and NE1/4SW1/4.

T. 41 N., R. 14 W.,

sec. 28, S1/2SW1/4;

sec. 29, SW1/4, NE1/4SE1/4, and S1/2SE1/4;

sec. 30, N1/2SE1/4;

sec. 31 N1/2SE1/4;

sec. 32, N1/2NW1/4 and SW1/4NW1/4.

T. 43 N., R. 14 W.,

sec. 2, lots 1 and 2, and S1/2NE1/4.

T. 40 N., R. 15 W.,

sec. 1, lots 1 thru 4;

sec. 3, lots 3 and 4;

sec. 4, lots 1 thru 4;

sec. 10, N1/2NE1/4 and E1/2NW1/4;

sec. 11, N1/2, N1/2SW1/4, and SW1/4SW1/4.

T. 50 N., R. 8 E.,

sec. 7, NE1/4NE1/4.

Sixth Principle Meridian, Colorado

T. 19 S., R. 45 W.,

sec. 10, S1/2NE1/4;

sec. 11, SW1/4;

sec. 14, N1/2 and SE1/4;

sec. 15, NE1/4.

T. 20 S., R. 47 W.,

sec. 4, S1/2NW1/4, SW1/4, and W1/2SE1/4;

sec. 5;

sec. 8, NE1/4NE1/4, W1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, and  
NW1/4SE1/4;

sec. 9, NE1/4, NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4, and SE1/4;

sec. 10, SW1/4 and SW1/4SE1/4;

sec. 15, NW1/4NE1/4;

sec. 22, SE1/4NE1/4 and E1/2SE1/4;

sec. 23, S1/2NW1/4 and SW1/4;

sec. 26, W1/2NE1/4, NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, and NW1/4SE1/4;

sec. 27, NE1/4NE1/4.

T. 20 S., R. 48 W.,

sec. 10, W1/2SW1/4;

sec. 13, S1/2NW1/4, SW1/4, and W1/2SE1/4;

sec. 14, SE1/4SW1/4 and SE1/4;

sec. 15, W1/2NW1/4 and NW1/4SW1/4;

sec. 22, E1/2SE1/4;

sec. 23;

sec. 24, NW1/4NE1/4, NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, and SW1/4SW1/4;

sec. 26, NE1/4, NW1/4, and W1/2SW1/4;

sec. 27, E1/2NE1/4.

T. 18 S., R. 61 W.,

sec. 8, SE1/4SE1/4;

sec. 19, lots 3 and 4, E1/2SW1/4, and SE1/4;

sec. 30, lots 2 thru 4, SE1/4NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, and W1/2SE1/4;

sec. 32.

T. 19 S., R. 61 W.,

sec. 6;

sec. 7, E1/2NE1/4 and E1/2SE1/4;

sec. 8, W1/2NW1/4 and W1/2SW1/4;

sec. 18;

sec. 19, lots 1 thru 4, NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, and E1/2SW1/4;

sec. 20;

sec. 28, E1/2;

sec. 29, W1/2;

sec. 32, E1/2;

sec. 33.

T. 20 S., R. 61 W.,

sec. 4;

sec. 5, lots 1 and 2, S1/2NE1/4, and SE1/4;

sec. 7, lots 2 and 3, and SE1/4SW1/4;

sec. 9, E1/2;

sec. 18, SW1/4SE1/4.

T. 16 S., R. 62 W.,

sec. 24, NW1/4NW1/4.

T. 17 S., R. 62 W.,

sec.1, lot 1 and SE1/4NE1/4;

sec. 9, SE1/4SE1/4.

T 29 S., R. 69 W.,

sec. 31, lots 3 and 4, NE1/4NE1/4, NE1/4NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, and SE1/4;

sec. 32, SW1/4NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4, and SE1/4SE1/4.

T. 29 S., R. 70 W.,

sec. 35, lot 1.

T. 22 S., R. 71 W.,

sec. 5, lots 20 thru 23;

sec. 6, lot 13;

sec. 8, NW1/4NW1/4;

sec. 17, lot 24.

T. 22 S., R. 72 W.,

sec. 4, lots 41, 42, and 47, and NE1/4SE1/4, and remaining public lands in

SW1/4NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4, and SW1/4SE1/4;

sec. 5, remaining public lands in S1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, SE1/4, and NW1/4SW1/4;

sec. 8, remaining public lands in SE1/4SE1/4;

sec. 9, remaining public lands in W1/2;

sec. 12, lot 3 and SE1/4SE1/4;

sec. 16, lot 20, lots 23 thru 36, and lot 38;

sec. 17, remaining public lands in NW1/4NE1/4;

sec. 22, N1/2NE1/4;

sec. 26, SE1/4SW1/4;

sec. 28, N1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4, and SE1/4SE1/4.

T. 11 S., R. 74 W.,

sec. 20, NE1/4;

sec. 21, W1/2.

T. 12 S., R. 75 W.,

sec. 17, SW1/4;

sec. 18, lots 1 thru 4, E1/2NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, and SE1/4;

sec. 19, lots 1 and 2, N1/2NE1/4, SW1/4NE1/4, and E1/2NW1/4.

T. 12 S., R. 76 W.,

sec. 13, E1/2SE1/4;

sec. 24, NE1/4.



T. 13 S., R. 76 W.,

sec. 4, lots 2 thru 4, SW1/4NW1/4, and NW1/4SW1/4;

sec. 5;

sec. 6, lots 6 and 7, and E1/2SW1/4.

T. 12 S., R. 77 W.,

sec. 23, N1/2SW1/4 and N1/2SE1/4;

sec. 25, S1/2SE1/4;

sec. 34, NW1/4SW1/4.

T. 15 S., R. 78 W.,

sec. 17, SW1/4NW1/4, including geothermal steam;

sec. 18, N1/2SE1/4 and SW1/4SE1/4, including geothermal steam.

T. 4 S., R. 83 W.,

sec. 17, lots 2 and 5, NE1/4SW1/4, and NW1/4SE1/4;

sec. 22, SE1/4SE1/4;

sec. 23, lots 6 thru 8, and W1/2SW1/4.

T. 7 S., R. 88 W.,

sec. 7, lots 12 and 13;

sec. 8, lot 7, SW1/4NE1/4, and SE1/4NW1/4;

sec. 17, lots 3 and 19.

T. 7 S., R. 89 W.,

sec. 3, lot 1, SE1/4NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4SE1/4, E1/2W1/2NW1/4SE1/4, and

E1/2SE1/4;

sec. 12, lot 22 and W1/2SW1/4;

sec. 13, NW1/4;

T. 5 S., R. 92 W.,

sec. 30, W1/2SE1/4.

T. 5 S., R. 93 W.,

sec. 36, NW1/4NE1/4, N1/2NW1/4, and NE1/4SW1/4.

T. 1 N, R. 76 1/2 W.,

sec. 1, lots 15 and 16;

sec. 12, lots 1 thru 6, and lots 11 and 12.

T. 1 N., R 77 W.,

sec. 12, E1/2NE1/4 and NE1/4SE1/4.

T. 3 N., R. 77 W.,

sec. 25, S1/2SW1/4 and SW1/4SE1/4.

T. 4 N., R. 81 W.,

sec. 34, W1/2NW1/4 and NW1/4SW1/4.

T. 6 N., R. 81 W.,

sec. 18, lot 5.

T. 3 N., R. 82 W.,

sec. 26, lot 1.

T. 6 N., R. 82 W.,

sec. 13, SE1/4SE1/4;

sec. 23, N1/2NE1/4 and SE1/4NE1/4.

T. 6 N., R. 84 W.,

sec. 27, SE1/4SE1/4.

T. 7 N., R. 85 W.,  
sec. 17, W1/2NE1/4.

T. 8 N., R. 85 W.,  
sec. 16, lots 4 and 5.

T. 6 N., R. 86 W.,  
sec. 33, SW1/4SW1/4.

T. 7 N., R. 88 W.,  
sec. 2, SE1/4NW1/4.

T. 8 N., R. 88 W.,  
sec. 34, lots 12 thru 15.

T. 7 N., R. 93 W.,  
sec. 36.

The areas described aggregate 23,077 acres.

The State's application requests conveyance of title to Federal mineral estate under surface owned by the State, described as follows:

Sixth Principle Meridian, Colorado

T. 9 N., R. 56 W.,  
sec. 24, SW1/4.

T. 12 N., R. 56 W.,  
sec. 28, E1/2.

T. 11 N., R. 59 W.,  
sec. 15, NE1/4.

T. 5 N., R. 61 W.,

sec. 33, SW1/4.

T. 3 N., R. 62 W.,

sec. 1, SE1/4.

T. 17 S., R. 48 W.,

sec. 18, NW1/4NE1/4.

T. 21 S., R. 51 W.,

sec. 35, NW1/4SW1/4 (oil and gas only).

T. 22 S., R. 52 W.,

sec. 15, SW1/4NE1/4, NW1/4SW1/4, and NW1/4SE1/4 (oil and gas only).

T. 28 S., R. 69 W.,

sec. 17, SE1/4SE1/4;

sec. 20, NE1/4 and NE1/4NW1/4;

sec. 21, NE1/4, W1/2NW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, and NE1/4SE1/4;

sec. 22, W1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4, and SW1/4SE1/4;

sec. 27, NW1/4NE1/4 and NE1/4NW1/4.

T. 6 N., R. 79 W.,

sec. 3, SW1/4SW1/4;

sec. 4, lots 3 and 4, SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, SW1/4, and SE1/4;

sec. 5, lots 1 and 2, S1/2NE1/4, and SE1/4;

sec. 8, N1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, and E1/2SE1/4;

sec. 9;

sec. 10, W1/2NW1/4 and W1/2SW1/4.

T. 7 N., R. 79 W.,

sec. 32, SE1/4;

sec. 33, W1/2SW1/4.

T. 5 N., R. 88 W.,

sec. 12, NW1/4 and SW1/4.

T. 7 N., R. 88 W.,

sec. 1, SW1/4NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4, and SE1/4SW1/4, and those portions of  
SE1/4NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, NW1/4SE1/4, and SW1/4SE1/4 lying west of Routt  
County Road 80A;

sec. 2, S1/2NE1/4 and SE1/4;

sec. 10, NE1/4 and NW1/4;

sec. 11, N1/2 and SE1/4;

sec. 12, those portions of W1/2 lying west of Routt County Road 80.

The areas described aggregate 6,354 acres.

If and when the selection is approved and certified to the State, the Clear List may either be subject to or reserve any rights-of-way granted by the BLM. Oil and gas, geothermal, or other leases issued under the authority of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C 181 et seq.) will remain in effect under the terms and conditions of the leases.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 2462.2, publication of this notice of initial classification in the Federal Register segregates the above described lands from all forms of disposal under the public land laws, including the mining laws, except for the form of land disposal specified in this notice of initial classification. However, this notice does not alter the applicability of the public land laws governing the use of the lands under lease, license,

or permit, or governing the disposal of their mineral and vegetative resources, other than under the mining laws.

The segregative effect of a classification for this form of disposal will terminate in one of the following ways:

- (1) Disposal of the lands.
- (2) Publication in the Federal Register of a notice of termination of the classification.
- (3) An Act of Congress.

AUTHORITY: 43 CFR 2400

Ruth Welch,

BLM Colorado State Director.

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